

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings, sheets 1 and 6, include amendments to FIGs. 1 and 7. These sheets replace the original sheets 1 and 6.

Specifically, Applicants amend FIG. 1 to insert the element reference number 20 to label the entire system shown. Amended FIG. 1 is, therefore, consistent with the text of the originally filed specification starting on page 7, line 17.

Also, in FIG. 7, the phrase "PARALLEL SIGNAL CHANNEL" is replaced with the phrase "SIGNALING DATA INCLUDING T/P INFORMATION." Amended FIG. 7 is consistent with the text of the specification starting on page 12, line 5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 1 and 6, containing FIGs. 1, 2, and 7
 Annotated Sheets 1 and 6 Showing Changes

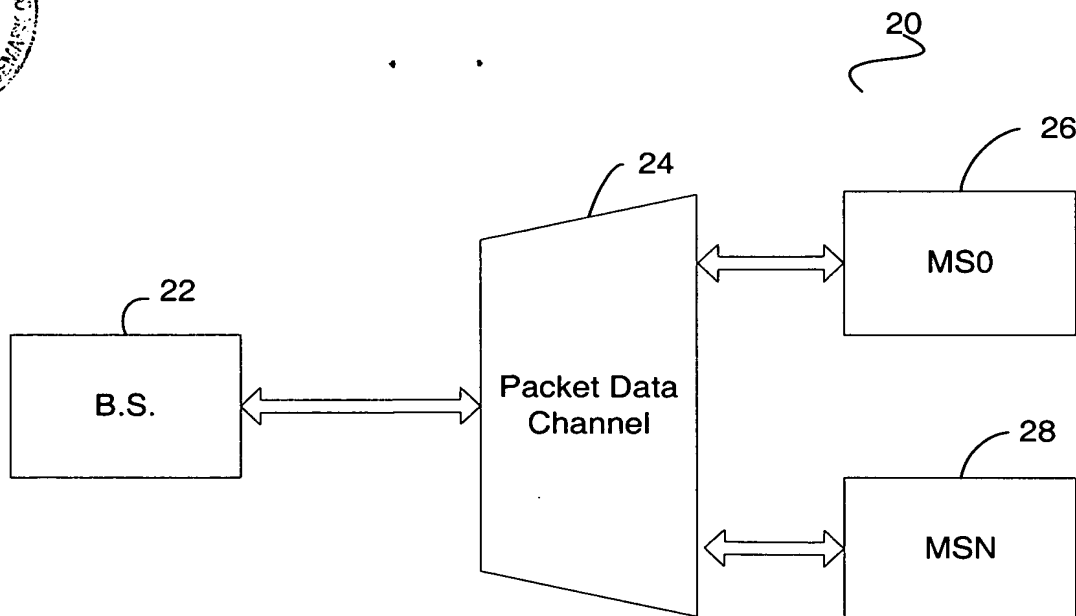
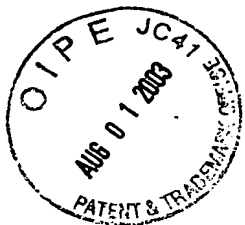


FIG. 1

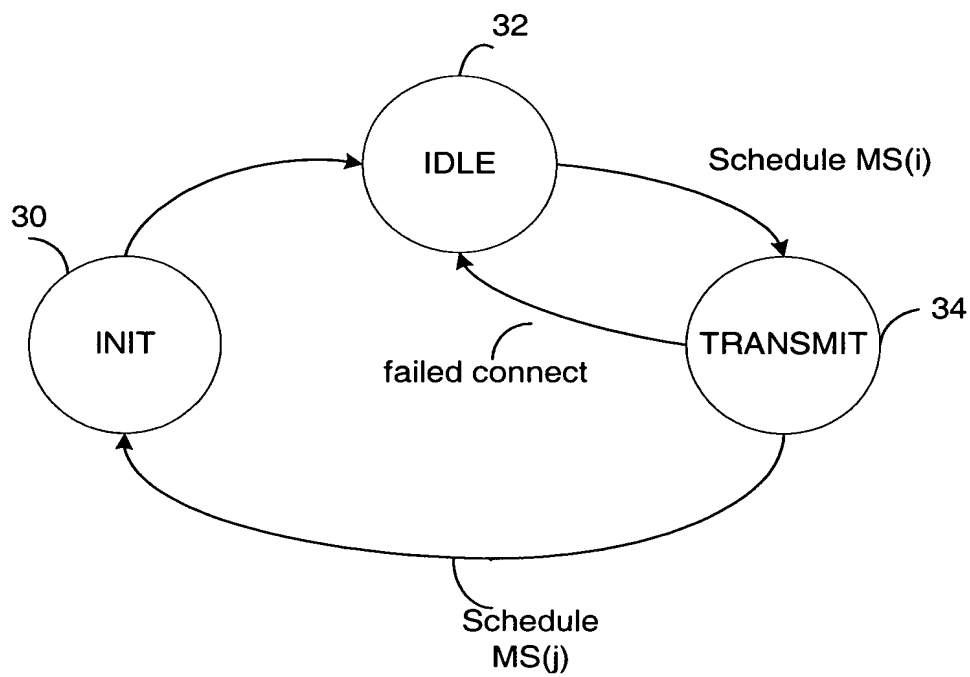


FIG. 2

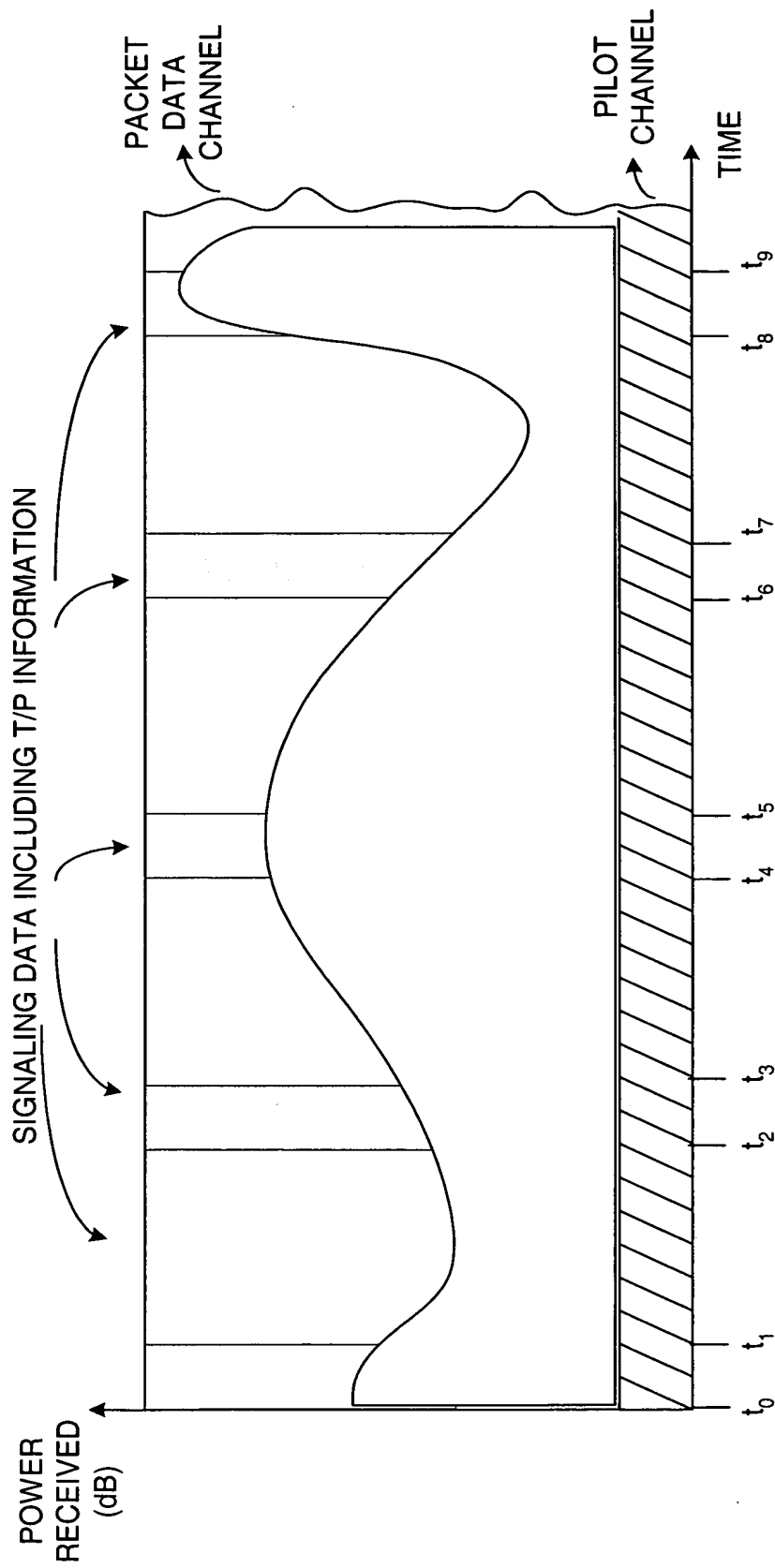
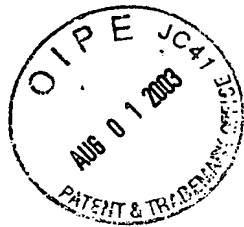


FIG. 7

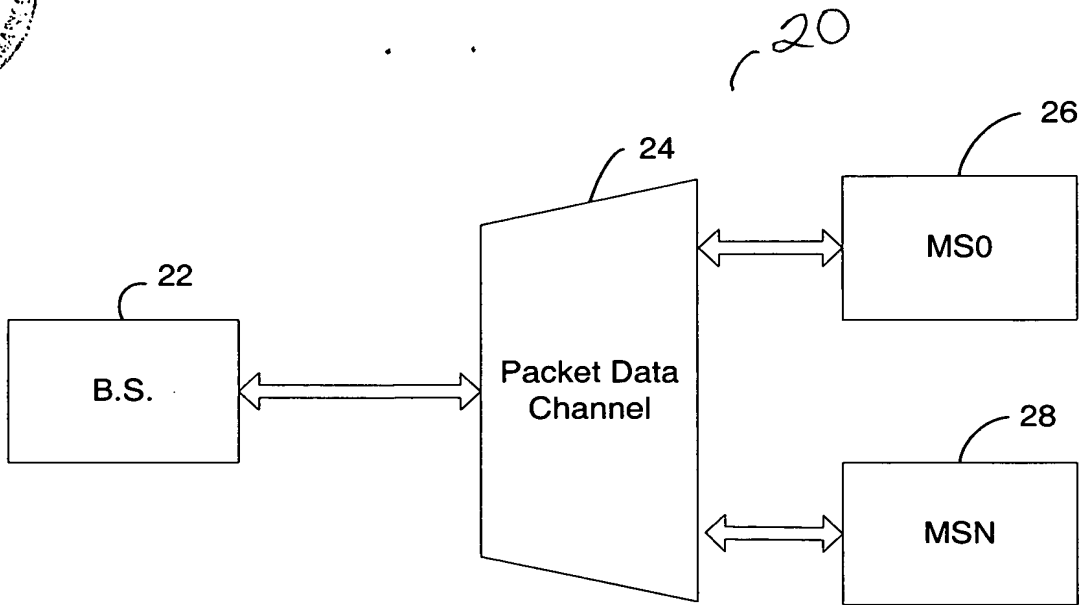


FIG. 1

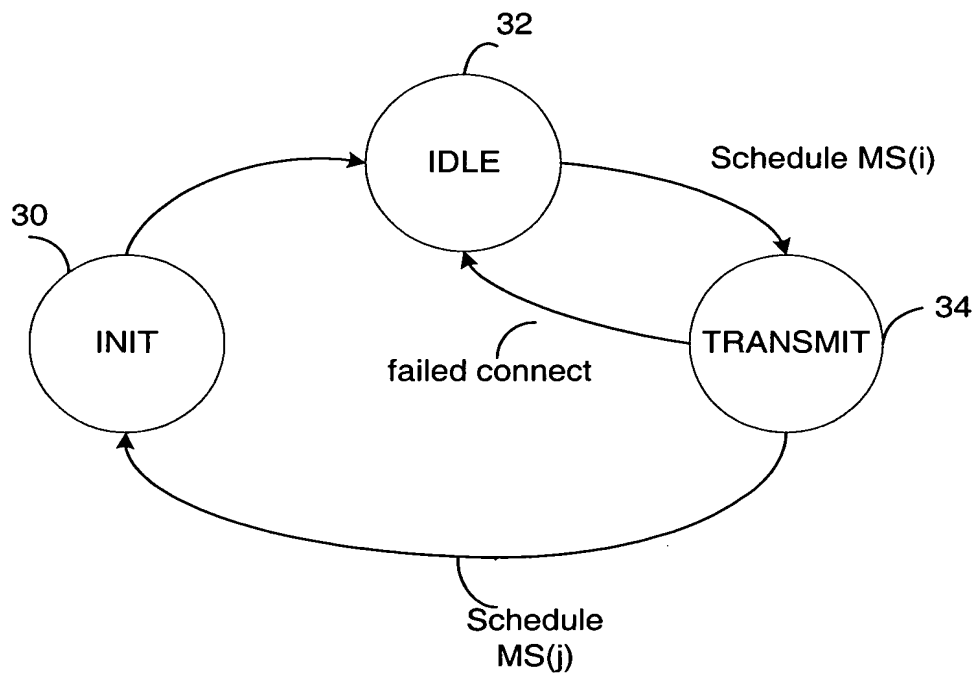


FIG. 2

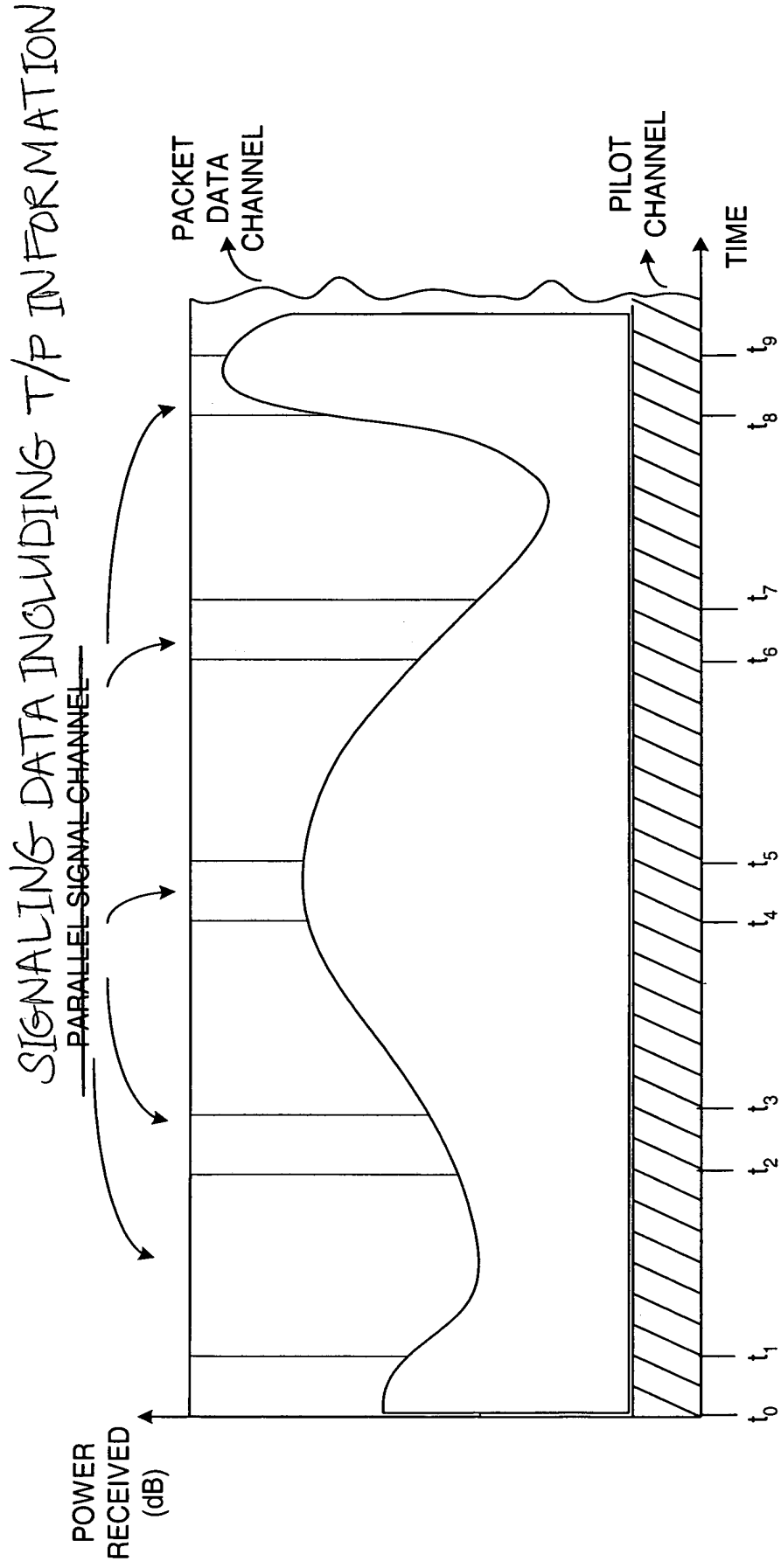
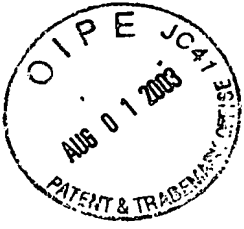


FIG. 7